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Scenes from Around the Village

The summer months provide many opportunities for residents to be out and around the Village. Over time, some village sites remain the same, some experi-

ence change and some new sites appear.

A scene that has changed for the better is the Duck Pond. As a result of the new aera-



Duck Pond - June 2012

tion system and

Duck Pond - July 2011

the cutting of underwater weed growth, the Pond's green murky surface water of previ-

ous seasons is

now clear. Last summer was the second full summer for Croton's Community Garden located near Silver Lake Park seen below. Its suc-



Community Garden at Silver Lake Park

cess has been evidenced by a waiting list of prospective gardeners. Due to the limited numof plots, there was little

hope of obtaining



Proposed Garden Location at Municipal Bldg.

a garden plot. A second community garden has been proposed to satisfy this demand. This garden will be located on the Brook St. side of Municipal the

Building and will accommodate a larger number of garden plots.

Some scenes don't change; they just get

What better way to spend a summer day than to walk along the Hudson River.



Start at the entrance to Elliott Way (shown at left). Head north for about a mile and you will see the some of

Walkway at Elliott Way

highlights of Croton's Hudson Riverfront. Pass the Village Boat Basin and and Senasgua Park as continue you north. Senasqua



Senasqua Park Pavilion

is the location for most of the summer concerts, movies and entertainment listed on Page 2.

Continuing north past the Croton Yacht

Club, you arrive 3 at the Village's newest park Croton Landing. Part of the County's Riverwalk that extends north and south along the Hudson River, you will



Croton Landing

see people enjoying a variety of activitieswalking from and running to ball games, fishing and crabbing and quiet contemplation.



Crabbing and contemplation are popular at Croton Landing.

There are many more Village spots to see. Make time this summer to explore and enjoy Croton!

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SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES MOVIES CONCERTS

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. All are rated G or PG. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening. Picnicking is encouraged.

July II **ZOOKEEPER**

When the Zookeeper Griffin Keyes decides to leave the zoo to seek romance, the animals break their code of silence to teach him the rules of courtship - animal style!

July 18 **DOLPHIN TALE**

Based on a true story, a dolphin named Winter who lost his tail in an accident is helped by an II-yr old boy, Sawyer, when he convinces a doctor to create a prosthetic tail so Winter can swim again.

July 25 <u>CARS 2</u>

Star racecar (Lightning McQueen) and tow truck, (Mater) head abroad to compete for the World's Fastest Car when Mater gets involved in an intriguing adventure of his own.

Aug. I TOY STORY 3

The old gang is back as Andy prepares to depart for college while his loyal toys find themselves in—daycare! These sticky - fin gered, untamed, tots do not play nice so it is all for one and one for all as they plan for the Great Escape.

Concerts are on Fridays in Senasqua Park. The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

July 6 THE OVER THE TOP BAND 7 PM

Break out your boogie shoes and The Over the Top Band plays your favorite hits from yesterday and today.

July 13 SUNDOWN BAND

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.

7 PM

8 PM

July 20 *FABULOUS SIXTIES* 8 PM

Step back in time and enjoy the show! Playing Classic Rock from the 60's: The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Who, Doors, Beach Boys and more!

July 27 <u>NEW YORK UPROAR</u> 7 PM

New York Uproar play and perform rock, R&B and soul classics with a unique style and flare. A must see!

Aug. 3 *FLEETWOD MACKED* TRIBUTE BAND



One of rocks most successful hit-making machines, Fleetwood Mack, comes to life right here in Croton-on-Hudson!

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

*** All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 26 event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park.

- **July 5 CIRCUS MINIMUS** Come join the One-man Circus-in-a-Suitcase show! From one suitcase emerges an entire circus world with a half dozen zany characters. Fun for the entire family!
- July 12 <u>BETH & SCOTT and FRIENDS</u> Beth and Scott Bierko share some of their most beloved stories and songs. Every song is a crowd-pleaser, sure to delight all ages.
- July 19 <u>JEFFREY & THE BOSSY FROG BAND</u> This show is guaranteed to get the audience singing, dancing, laughing, hopping and having a great time.
- July 26 <u>SQUEAKY CLEAN</u> (Vassallo Park –10 AM) Squeaky Clean will perform musical favorites from the 50's, 60's, and 70's including "Rock Around the Clock", "Rockin Robin", "Surfin USA" and many more. Children will love interacting with Squeaky Clean and adults will love the authentic look and sound!
- Aug. 2 <u>T-BONE</u> With T-Bone as their leader, children will sing, dance, wear costumes, play games and more. Come see T-Bone's special blend of music and mayhem!



Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed

Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day!



New Sidewalk at Train Station



A long stretch of broken and uneven sidewalk at the station has been replaced. The walk, stretching along the tracks north of the railroad station building to the north end of the parking lot, was replaced in early June.

During the warm weather months many other sidewalks will be replaced

in the Village. The Village is continuing to replace sidewalks for residents who had previously signed up for the Sidewalk Improvement Program in which the costs are shared. The program is closed for additional enrollees but all the sidewalk replacement work has not yet been completed.

In addition, a curb replacement program is ongoing to replace deteriorated or low curbs that contribute to drainage run-off problems on Village streets and may affect private property. Annually the Village designates \$100,000 in its Capital Budget for sidewalk and curb replacements.

Gateway Zoning Amendment

A revision to the Village's Zoning Code, affecting its Gateway Overlay zoning, was approved in early June by the Village Board. The amendment affects the Harmon/South Riverside Commercial Gateway area. It expands this Gateway area to encompass properties east of Route 9 on Croton Point Ave., South Riverside Ave. to just north of Oneida Ave., and Clinton St. This Gateway area had previously been bounded by the Benedict Blvd. intersection.

The rezoning evolved from the recommendations of the Harmon Business Development Committee, formed in 2008, to address vacancies in this area. Its recommendations included increasing flexibility to property owners, streetscape enhancements and improved pedestrian circulation.

The amended zoning law provides for a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of .8 for development, provided that all other parking, landscaping and open space requirements can also be met on the property being developed. The current maximum height remains at 35' but a third story would be allowed within that roofline. Mixed Use is allowed with a Special Permit by the Village Board, as it currently is, however the third floor may be a commercial use. Commercial parking requirements remain the same as current requirements. Residential units are limited to studios, I- and 2- bedrooms with a parking requirement of one space/bedroom. This is a minimum parking requirement that may be increased by the Board as part of its review.

Concert Night Vendors

At the Friday night concerts at Senasqua Park, three local vendors applied for permits to sell their



food items. La Monica Salumeria, Baked By Susan and The Blue Pig will all offer selected items from 5 pm to 10 pm during the Friday concerts. The permits, which were approved by the Village Board, cost \$350 each for the full season of con-

cert nights. Additionally, the Blue Pig will sell its ice cream items at Croton Landing two days each week during the summer. The days will vary at the discretion of the owner as long as the Village is notified in advance.

Summer Camps

Girls Only Basketball Under the direction of Ben

Martucci, CHHS Girls Basketball Coach, this girls-only camp focuses on the development of each individual's basketball skills. Skill development will be incorporated with game play, contests, and individual and team competition. For grades 3 to 8, this camp will be held in the CHHS



Gym from July16 - 20, 9am - 12, Fee is \$80/\$90 res./nonres. Signup deadline is July 11.



<u>Lego-OH Camp</u> Attendees will learn about volume, support and aesthetics. Children collaborate on one large standing project while working on their own individual creations. This camp is for grades I to 6. It will be at the Municipal Building from

Aug. 6-10, from 9am to 12. Signup deadline is Aug.1 \$225/\$270 res./nonres.

Volleyball Camp This camp will develop all areas of

volleyball skills. Elementary groups will concentrate on learning the basics - passing, setting and serving. Middle school groups will be building on skills already acquired. Fun contests and games will be incorporated.



PORGET!

Water Bill Reminder!

The Village's semi-annual water bills, mailed to customers on June 15, are payable no later than July 15. Penalties accrue with late payments at 5% for the first month and 1%

for each additional month. For more information or questions, please call 271-4781.

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US Sports Institute

The US Sports Institute provides quality summer outdoor programs where youth can have great fun and also learn that "character really counts". Registration and more information for the following camps are available www.USsportsInstitute.com. A flyer is also available in the Recreation Office.

Beginning Golf will be held in three sections from July 16 to 20 at Manes Field. Sections are for ages 4 to 5 (3:30-4:15), 5 to 7 (4:30-6), and 8 to 11 (6:00-7:30).



Sports Squirts will be held at Manes Field from Aug. 6



to 10. Ages 3 to 4 have one hour lessons from 9:00 -10. Ages 4 to 5 have 1 1/2 hour lessons from 10:15 -11:45.

Multi Sports camp will be held at the Duck Pond park from Aug. 20

to 24. Age groups are 5 to 14 years and 6 to 14 years. The camp can be taken as a half-day or a full day.

Got a Question?



I have a new child safety seat for my car. I have heard that the Village Police will install these seats. How can I arrange to have my seat installed?

The Croton Police Department has two certified Child



Officer Seymour and Det.

Passenger Safety Technicians, Eric Seymour and Paul Camillieri. Both have been trained in the correct installation of child safety seats.

It is important that a child safety seat be installed correctly in order for it to be Camillieri with a child seat. effective in the event of a collision. There are several

types of child safety seats and numerous manufacturers with differences in their respective installation requirements.

You can make an appointment to have your child car safety seat installed by one of them by calling the Police Department at 271-5177.

Jeanne Romeu Appointed Court Clerk

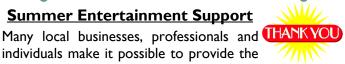
Jeanne Romeu has been appointed as Court Clerk for the Village Justice Court offices. Jeanne had been Assistant Court Clerk serving under recently-retired Court Clerk Connie Fay.

The Justice Court handles criminal cases, such as felonies, misdemeanors and violations. It also handles civil matters, violations of Village ordinances, Vehicle and Traffic Laws and parking violations. The average weekly court session on Wednesdays will handle well over 50 cases.

In addition to Croton's Police Dept., the Justice Court handles arrests and violations made by several different police jurisdictions who operate within the Village boundaries. These include the New York State Police, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police, County Police, NYS DEC Police, NYC DEP Police and NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Police.

The Court Clerk heads the Court office and is responsible for preparation for court day including creating a case file for each case. Most cases require different forms and legal documents. Each case must be followed up as well depending on its disposition. This may involve fines, commitment forms, bail, appointment of an attorney, considerable correspondence and phone calls. The Court office has two full-time and two part-time employees. The positions of Judge, Acting Judge, Prosecutor and Court Officer are all part-time.

Summer Entertainment Support



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